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Subject:	Re: Cambridge Council Middle-East Issue
Date:	Thursday, April 19, 2018 12:32:58 PM

Marc, This is indeed good news! My trust in the council's professional actions and the well run city I love has been restored. I applaud the decision the council has taken and send my thanks to all council members. Bless you! Barb Sinclair

From: McGovern, Marc
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 12:04 PM
To: Barbara Sinclair ; stephen_walt@harvard.edu ; meghan_osullivan@hks.harvard.edu
Subject: RE: Cambridge Council Middle-East Issue

Dear Ms. Sinclair,

I would like to clarify a few things. The City Council is NOT drafting an ordinance to boycott HP. Some City Councillors were approached by Mass Against HP and asked to sponsor a policy order that they had created. They then went out and publicized a date of April 23rd without having any Councillors agree to sponsor the order. This is NOT something the Council is doing on their own nor would we even be discussing it if MA Against HP had not brought it up. At this time I don't know of any Councillor who intends to sponsor the order. This is being framed as if the Council (as a whole) has this concern and is leading this effort. There may be an individual Councillor who agrees to sponsor such an order but ths is not "The City Council".

From: Barbara Sinclair [mailto:barb.sinclair@verizon.net]
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Subject: Cambridge Council Middle-East Issue

Dear Stephen and Meghan,
As knowledgeable faculty at Harvard, I'm hoping you'll consider my request to share your insights and opinions with the current Cambridge City Council which is about to draft a request to boycott HP for doing business with Israel (an inappropriate initiative that may foster charges of anti-Semitism). I hope that by gaining some legitimate insights from you both, they'll reconsider.

I'm copying the council members on this request so they, or you, can easily reach out (to you or suggested representatives) and gain a broader understanding of the current realities in the

Middle East.

As a long time proud Cambridge resident, past executive at Motorola, Lucent, several technology start-ups, and past student at Harvard, I'm dismayed by this intended action of our city council. Many thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully, Barbara Sinclair
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*** 4/19 copy of letter to council members:**
Dear Council Members,
As a long time Cambridge resident I have praised the efforts of our community and city representatives to friends and acquaintances alike. I was always proud to be a Cambridge citizen until now. Your council efforts to discredit a company for doing business with Israel is shameful. Moving ahead with this embarrassing council effort will display your lack of International issues and worse - may infer an Anti-Semitic bias!

I respectfully request that you each take the time to better understand the reality of the Middle-East and use your positions to enhance our city instead. Your obvious ignorance of the way the Palestinian situation has been used by their Arab neighbors to deflect attention from their own abuses of civil rights – using the Palestinians as pawns - has furthered the role of Hamas and Iran to expand a brutal and anti-American ideology. You're playing right into their hands!

May I suggest you act as the democratic organization your role requires, and hold an open forum before you draft any resolution condemning HP or Israel. You have an educated International resource at hand at Harvard, and can easily gain knowledgeable insights from specialists who will expand your understanding of the intent and actions of Hamas. Please request a briefing.

As a group that has a duty to represent residents of Cambridge, you owe it to your constituency to reconsider this proposed action.